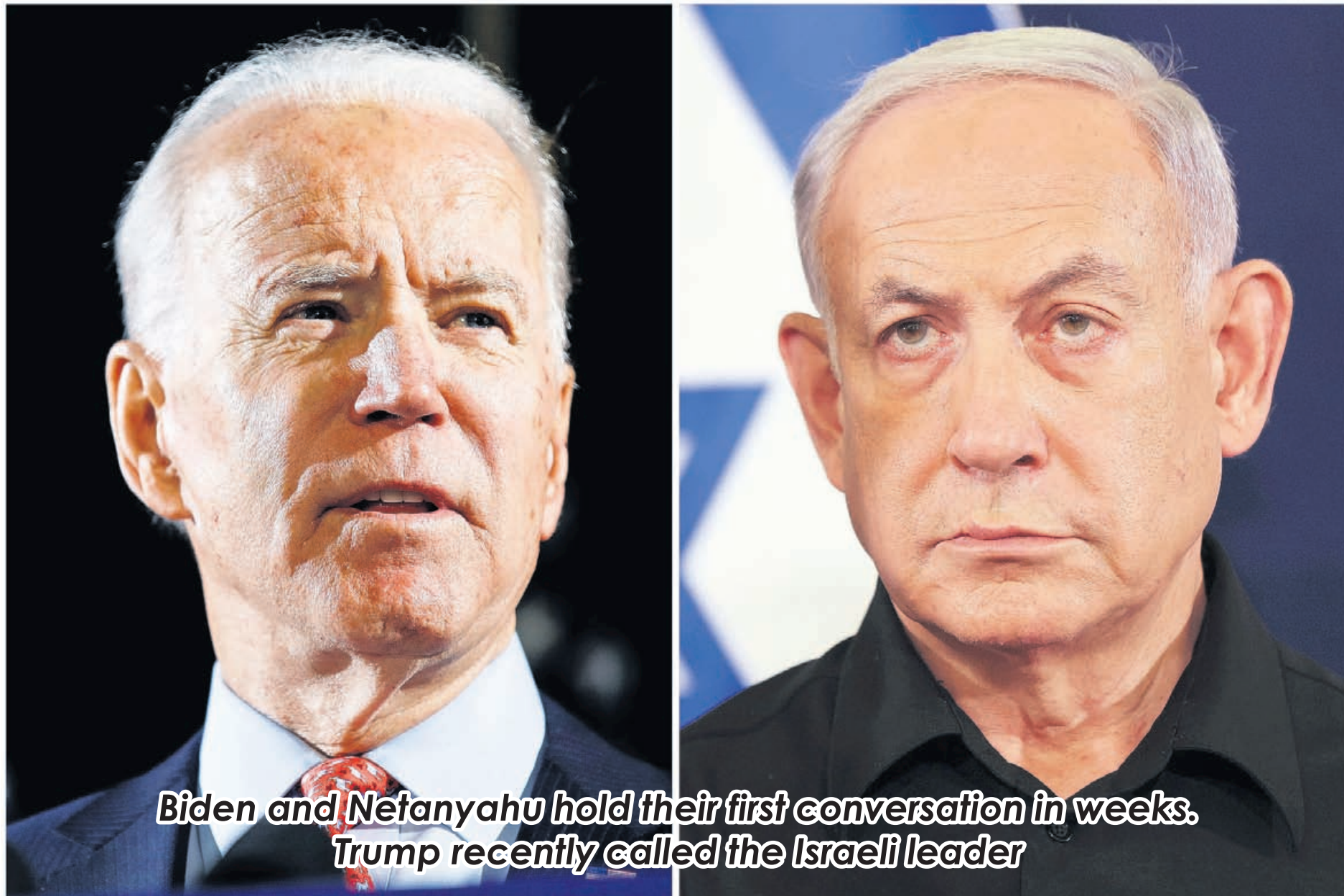




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This combination image shows, from left; President Joe Biden, on March 12, 2020, in Wilmington, Del., and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Oct. 28, 2023, in Tel Aviv, Israel.

By ZEKE MILLER, TIA GOLD-ENBERG and AAMER MAD-HANI

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday held their first call in seven weeks, a conversation that comes as Israel expands its ground incursion into Leba-

non and considers how to respond to Iran's recent ballistic missile attack.

Vice President Kamala Harris also joined the 30-minute call, according to the White House.

"It was direct, it was productive," said White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, who added that the leaders discussed a long list

of issues on the call, including Israel's deliberations on how it will respond to Iran.

Netanyahu's office, meantime, confirmed that the prime minister had recently spoken with former President Donald Trump. The Republican, who is in the midst of a close White House race against Harris, called Netanyahu last

week and "congratulated him on the intense and determined operations that Israel carried out against Hezbollah," according to Netanyahu's office.

The Biden-Netanyahu conversation comes at a moment of Biden's growing frustration with the prime minister and as the growing conflict in the Middle East is

adding a layer of complexity to the American election next month.

Netanyahu has repeatedly looked past the Biden administration's calls for cease-fires.

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Biden and Netanyahu hold their first conversation in weeks. Trump recently called the Israeli leader

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They would at least temporarily pause the fighting in Gaza, facilitate the release of some 100 hostages, who have been held by Hamas since the Oct. 7, 2023, attack on Israel, and stem the growing conflict between the Israel and Hezbollah militants in Lebanon.

The spreading conflict across the Mideast is looming over Harris in the final weeks of the White House campaign.

Some Arab-American voters in closely contested Michigan, and elsewhere, are threatening to withhold their support for the Democrat over their dissatisfaction with the administration's handling of the war in Gaza. Trump has increasingly criticized Harris and Biden for their foreign policy decisions as he makes his case to American voters to return him to the White House.

The Trump campaign said it should not be surprising that Netanyahu held talks with the former president.

"World leaders want to speak and meet with President Trump because they know he will soon be returning to the White House and will restore peace around the globe," Trump campaign spokesperson Karoline Leavitt said in a statement about that call, which a Trump ally, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., joined.

"As we know, it's one president at a time here," Jean-



Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addresses the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Friday, Sept. 27, 2024.

Pierre when asked about Trump's call with Netanyahu. Following the call with Netanyahu, Biden and top aides joined a call with American rabbis to belatedly mark the Jewish high holidays. They underscored the administration fully supports Israel's right to defend itself against Iran and its proxies.

"We're also committed to holding Iran fully accountable for that attack, and we will continue to do so," said Brett McGurk, the White House coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa. Biden told reporters last week that he did not know whether Netanyahu was holding up a Mideast peace deal in order to influence the outcome

of the U.S. election. "No administration has helped Israel more than I have. None. None. None. And I think Bibi should remember that," he said, referring to the Israeli leader by his nickname. "And whether he's trying to influence the election, I don't know, but I'm not counting on that."

Israel has been discussing how to respond to the Iranian missile barrage from Oct. 1, which the United States helped to fend off. Biden last week said he would not support a retaliatory Israeli strike on sites related to Tehran's nuclear program.

Biden has urged Israel to consider alternatives to hitting Iran's oil sector. Such a

strike could affect the global oil market and boost pump prices, developments that would not help Harris' efforts to win over the shrinking number of undecided voters. Netanyahu's other choices range from a largely symbolic strike — similar to how Israel responded after Iran launched missiles and attack drones in April at Israel. "Our attack will be lethal, precise and above all surprising," Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said during a speech to Israeli troops on Wednesday. "They will not understand what happened and how it happened." Since the leaders' last call on Aug. 21, Israel has carried out a brazen sabotage

and assassination campaign against Iran-backed Hezbollah in Lebanon, where the militant group has continued to fire missiles, rockets and drones at Israel.

Israel is now undertaking what it has described as limited ground operations across its northern border with Lebanon to dig out Hezbollah. Airstrikes killed the group's leader, Hassan Nasrallah, and decimated its leadership.

Last month, thousands of explosives hidden in pagers and walkie-talkies used by Hezbollah detonated, killing dozens of people and maiming thousands, including many civilians. Israel is widely believed to be behind the attack.

The U.S. has maintained a stepped-up troop presence in the region, to defend Israel and American interests in the Middle East. Washington has grown increasingly vocal with Israeli officials about the need to be kept in the loop on their decision-making to ensure the protection of U.S. forces. Gallant had been scheduled to meet with Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on Wednesday, but the Israelis postponed the visit, according to Pentagon spokeswoman Sabrina Singh. The Biden-Netanyahu call took place one day after disclosures from journalist Bob Woodward's new book, "War" that Biden has privately made his frustration and distrust of the Israeli leader known. □

Associated Press

U.S. hits former Ecuador leaders with visa bans over corruption



Former Ecuador President Rafael Correa gestures during an interview with Associated Press in Brussels, Sept. 11, 2020.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration on Wednesday imposed visa bans on former Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa, his vice president and their immediate families for corruption. The State Department announced that Correa and his one-time deputy Jorge Glas would no longer be eligible to enter the United States. The ban also applies to their spouses and children.

Correa served as Ecuador's president from 2007 until

2017, adopting political positions often at odds with U.S. policies and notably opening Ecuador's embassy in London to Wikileaks founder Julian Assange while he was still wanted by the United States.

Correa was convicted in absentia on corruption charges in Ecuador in 2020 and sentenced to eight years in prison. He has lived in exile in Belgium since 2017.

"Correa and Glas abused their positions as former president of Ecuador and former vice president of Ecuador,

respectively, by accepting bribes, including through political contributions, in exchange for granting favorable government contracts," State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said.

"The United States stands with Ecuadorians, including members of civil society, law enforcement, and investigative journalists, committed to increasing government transparency and holding corrupt public officials accountable," Miller said in a statement. □

Social Security's scheduled cost of living increase 'won't make a dent' for some retirees

By FATIMA HUSSEIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sherri Myers, an 82-year-old resident of Pensacola City, Florida, says the Social Security cost-of-living increase she'll receive in January "won't make a dent" in helping her meet her day-to-day expenses.

"Inflation has eaten up my savings," she said. "I don't have anything to fall back on the cushion is gone." So even with the anticipated increase she's looking for work to supplement her retirement income, which consists of a small pension and her Social Security benefits.

About 70.6 million Social Security recipients are expected to receive a smaller cost of living increase for 2025 than in recent years, as inflation has moderated. The Social Security Administration makes the official COLA announcement Thursday, and analysts predicted in advance it would be 2.5% for 2025. Recipients received a 3.2% increase in their benefits in 2024, after a historically large 8.7% benefit increase in 2023, brought on by record 40-year-high inflation.

The AARP estimates that a 2.5 percent COLA would in-



A Social Security card is displayed on Oct. 12, 2021, in Tigard, Ore.

Associated Press

crease the average benefit for a retiree who receives about \$1,920 a month by \$48 a month starting in January 2025.

"I think a lot of seniors are going to say that this is not really enough to keep up with prices," said AARP Senior Vice President of Government Affairs Bill Sweeney.

The silver lining is that it's an indication that inflation is moderating, he said.

The announcement comes

as the national social insurance plan faces a severe financial shortfall in the coming years.

The annual Social Security and Medicare trustees report released in May said the program's trust fund will be unable to pay full benefits beginning in 2035. If the trust fund is depleted, the government will be able to pay only 83% of scheduled benefits, the report said.

The program is financed by payroll taxes collected from

workers and their employers. The maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security payroll taxes was \$168,600 for 2024, up from \$160,200 in 2023. Analysts estimate that the maximum amount will go up to \$174,900 in 2025.

On the presidential campaign trail, Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump have presented dueling plans on how they would strengthen Social Security.

Harris says on her campaign website that she will protect Social Security by "making millionaires and billionaires pay their fair share in taxes."

Trump promises that he would not cut the social program or make changes to the retirement age. Trump also pledges tax cuts for older Americans, posting on Truth Social in July that **"SENIORS SHOULD NOT PAY TAX ON SOCIAL SECURITY!"**

AARP conducted interviews with both Harris and Trump in late August, and asked how the candidates would protect the Social Security Trust Fund.

Harris said she would make up for the shortfall by "making billionaires and big corporations pay their fair share in taxes and use that money to protect and strengthen Social Security for the long haul."

Trump said "we'll protect it with growth. I don't want to do anything having to do with increasing age. I won't do that. As you know, I was there for four years and never even thought about doing it. I'm going to do nothing to Social Security." Lawmakers have proposed a variety of solutions to deal with the funding shortfall. □

American Water cyberattack renews focus on protecting critical infrastructure

By BRUCE SHIPKOWSKI

Associated Press

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — A cyberattack continues to affect the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the United States, renewing a focus on the importance of protecting critical infrastructure sites. New Jersey-based American Water paused billing to customers as it announced the cyberattack on Monday. It said it became aware of the unauthorized activity on Thursday and immediately took protective steps, including shutting down certain systems. Water services have been unaffected as protections remained in place

Wednesday.

The company which provides drinking water and sewer services to more than 14 million people in 14 states and on 18 military installations said it does not believe its facilities or operations were impacted by the attack, although staffers were working "around the clock" to investigate its nature and scope.

The attack against American Water appears to be an "IT focused attack" more than an operational one, according to Jack Danahy, vice president of strategy and innovation at Colchester, Vt.-based Nu-Harbor Security in Vermont. "People haven't tradition-

ally thought of pieces of infrastructure, such as water and wastewater service as being prone to threats, but incidents like this shows how quickly problems could occur," Danahy said. "As billing and other services have become more accessible to customers in recent years, they're now exposed to more types of risks and concerns that were not previously there."

The U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the Environmental Protection Agency urged water systems to take immediate actions this year to protect the nation's drinking water. About 70% of utilities inspected by

federal officials recently violated standards meant to

prevent breaches or other intrusions, the EPA said. □



The largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., American Water, its building in Camden, N.J., seen in the foreground on June 17, 2024, says it was the victim of a cyberattack, prompting the firm to pause billing to customers.

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Rudy Giuliani's son says dad gifted him 4 World Series rings sought by Georgia election workers

By DAVE COLLINS
Associated Press

Rudy Giuliani's son is trying to stop two Georgia election workers who won a \$148 million defamation judgment against his father from taking the elder Giuliani's New York Yankees World Series rings, saying in new court filings that he is actually the rightful owner because they were gifted to him years ago.

Andrew Giuliani, who was unsuccessful in a 2022 Republican bid for New York governor, said in papers filed Tuesday in federal court in Manhattan that his father gave him four World Series rings as a gift in 2018. He added that he and his father agreed that the elder Giuliani would temporarily keep one of the rings to wear around.

Rudy Giuliani received the rings one for each of the Yankees' championships in 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2000 during his terms as mayor of New York City in those years. In filings in a failed bankruptcy attempt this year, Rudy Giuliani listed three World Series rings as personal property as part of an estimated \$30,000 jewelry collection that also



Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, wearing a New York Yankees championship ring, pulls his face mask down to speak to an aide during a press conference at the Women's Republican Club, Sept. 16, 2020, in New York.

Associated Press

includes expensive watches.

The Georgia election workers, Ruby Freeman and her daughter, Wandra "Shaye" Moss, won the \$148 million defamation judgment over Rudy Giuliani's false ballot fraud claims against them related to the 2020 presidential election. Freeman and

Moss said Giuliani pushed Donald Trump's lies about the election being stolen, which led to death threats that made them fear for their lives.

In an effort to collect on the judgment, Freeman and Moss are now asking a federal judge in New York to award them Rudy Giuliani's Manhattan apartment,

World Series rings and other property. Andrew Giuliani's new court filings asked that he be allowed to intervene in that case to make his claim on the rings, and a judge approved the request Wednesday.

Rudy Giuliani, meanwhile, is appealing the \$148 million award in a federal appeals court, citing free

speech rights and arguing that Freeman and Moss didn't prove that he made the ballot fraud claims with "actual malice" a requirement to win defamation cases. He is asking the New York judge to delay awarding his property to Freeman and Moss until after the appeal is decided.

Lawyers for Rudy Giuliani and Freeman and Moss declined to comment Wednesday on Andrew Giuliani's claims on the World Series rings. A lawyer for Andrew Giuliani did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

In his filings, Andrew Giuliani says his father gave him the rings in May 2018 after a 74th birthday celebration for the elder Giuliani in New York.

"He said to me, in substance and in part, 'I told you when I got these that they would be yours someday, and I want to give them to you now,'" the filings said. "As a child and young adult, I had spent many nights with my father watching Yankees games and bonding over our love for the team, and I was excited about receiving the rings." □

Ethel Kennedy, widow of Robert F. Kennedy, suffers stroke

By MICHAEL CASEY
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The family of Ethel Kennedy, the widow

of Robert F. Kennedy, says she's been hospitalized after suffering a stroke. In a statement on X post-



Ethel Kennedy, widow of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, watches a video about her late husband during the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights awards ceremony on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

Associated Press

ed Tuesday night by her daughter Kerry Kennedy, the family said it happened Thursday morning in her sleep and that she was brought to a hospital where she was receiving treatment and resting comfortably. They did not identify the hospital, nor where she suffered the stroke.

"She is comfortable, she is getting the best care possible and she is surrounded by family," the statement said. "She is, as you know, a strong woman who has led a remarkably fulfilling life. We are looking after her." The 96-year-old matriarch is one of the last remaining members of the extended family's generation that included President John F. Kennedy.

"She has had a great sum-

mer and transition into fall," the family statement said. "Every day she enjoyed time with her children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was able to get out on the water, visit the pier, and enjoy many lunches and dinners with family. It has been a gift to all of us and to her as well." For a generation of Americans, the Democratic Party clan represented the closest thing the U.S. had to the royalty it has always admired elsewhere. The JFK era was dubbed "Camelot" because the youthful president and his glamorous wife, Jacqueline Kennedy, evoked a sense of national optimism, expressed in a line from the Broadway musical.

She was by Robert F. Kennedy's side when he was fatally shot in the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968, just after winning the Democratic presidential primary in California. Her brother-in-law, President John F. Kennedy, had been assassinated in Dallas less than five years earlier. The Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights, which she founded later in 1968, is dedicated to advancing human rights through litigation, advocacy, education and inspiration. The nonprofit also gives annual awards to journalists, authors and others who have made a significant contribution to human rights. □

U.N. tribunal orders ex-official to repay \$58.8 million lost in bad deals while getting perks

By **EDITH M. LEDERER**
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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A U.N. tribunal has ordered a former high-ranking official to repay the United Nations \$58.8 million lost in deals he made with a British businessman who showered him with interest-free loans, a Mercedes for his wife and perks for his sons.

The three-judge United Nations Dispute Tribunal ruled that evidence “clearly and convincingly” shows that Vitaly Vanshelboim’s misconduct “caused massive financial losses” by the U.N. Office for Project Services, which says it provides infrastructure, procurement and project management services and is known as UNOPS.

The Geneva-based tribunal said last week that Vanshelboim facilitated multiple financial deals between the U.N. office and British businessman David Kendrick focusing on renewable energy, sustainable housing and the oceans.

At the same time, the tribunal said Vanshelboim entered into a series of private arrangements with Kendrick and his businesses stretching back to 2017 which he never disclosed to the U.N. as required and



The United Nations logo is seen inside the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024.

“obtained direct financial and material benefits for himself and his family in the amount of at least \$3,133,186.10.”

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres “is pleased by this judgment,” U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Tuesday. “The U.N. continues to pursue recovery of the funds through other avenues,” he said. “We are fully committed to ensuring criminal accountability for crimes that may involve

U.N. personnel,” he said, adding it would cooperate with national authorities on any investigations. Dujarric did not elaborate.

Vanshelboim’s lawyer, George Irving, said in an email Wednesday that his client is appealing the decision, and declined to comment.

Emails sent to three companies that the tribunal says are connected to Kendrick were not immediately returned, and his previ-

ous lawyers in London said he was no longer a client. Other contact information for Kendrick could not be found. The New York Times first reported the ruling. Vanshelboim, a Ukrainian, had been an assistant secretary-general, serving either as UNOPS deputy executive director or director of its sustainable infrastructure impact investments program. He was fired in January 2023 following an internal investigation.

The investments by UNOPS, which lost millions of dollars, became public in 2022 with media reports followed by the resignation of Grete Faremo, a former Norwegian minister of justice and public security, as the head of Copenhagen-based UNOPS.

The Dispute Tribunal was ruling on Vanshelboim’s appeal of the fine on his dismissal of 12 months’ salary and an order for him to pay the U.N. over \$63.6 million in losses incurred from the deals, with his U.N. pension withheld until the sum was paid.

The judges ruled that Vanshelboim’s failure to disclose any of his financial dealings with Kendrick constituted “blatant misconduct” and said he “committed fraud against the organization by leading it into multiple business partnerships with the Kendrick entities, with which he engaged in undisclosed and unauthorized outside activities.”

The judgment said Vanshelboim was tasked with identifying potential partners and that UNOPS allocated money “with the specific intention to develop projects that would attract private investors.” □

Mexico takes the U.S. side in potential trade battles with China and seeks to boost local content

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico’s top economic official has suggested his country will actively take the U.S. side in looming trade battles with China.

“There is a dispute between China and the United States, stronger now than it was a few years ago,” Economy Secretary Marcelo Ebrard said at a business forum on Tuesday. “And we now have a plan for a route to follow.” “What will be the main idea, the main design of that route?” Ebrard said. “To mobilize all legitimate interests in favor of North America.”

For example, he said it will be in Mexico’s own interest to welcome nearshoring, which tends to move production from plants in Asia to Mexico.

“Our second most important mission is to accelerate nearshoring, to take advantage of it one thousand percent,” Ebrard said.

He said Mexico’s domestic content in manufacturing exports is currently less than 20%, and that Mexican officials are looking at “how we can reduce all the imports we have, that is, to increase domestic content in any way we can.”

He said the government would be working with individual companies to get suppliers and parts producers to also move to Mexico.

“Our mission is not just to increase our market share, but to increase what is produced in Mexico,” Ebrard said. “By necessity, we have to work with each company, we have to dedicate funding, personnel, perseverance and follow-up, to get those numbers up.”

Mexico once largely exported oil to the United States, but now manufacturing exports of products like cars, trucks, machinery and appliances dwarf the oil trade. □



Mexico’s former Foreign Affairs Secretary Marcelo Ebrard speaks at the press conference announcing incoming President Claudia Sheinbaum’s Cabinet members, in Mexico City, June 20, 2024. Sheinbaum, right, chose Ebrard as her administration’s economy secretary.

Associated Press

Elon Musk's X is back in Brazil after its suspension, having complied with all judicial demands

By ELÉONORE HUGHES and BARBARA ORTUTAY

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — The social media platform X began returning to Brazil on Wednesday, after remaining inaccessible for more than a month following a clash between its owner, Elon Musk, and a justice on the country's highest court. Internet service providers began restoring access to the platform after Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes authorized lifting X's suspension on Tuesday. "TWITTER IS ALIVE," Lucas dos Santos Consoli, known as luscas on X, wrote on the platform to his more than 7 million followers.

"I'm happy that the platform decided to follow the laws of Brazil and finally adapted, after all I've been using the app for almost 15 years so I can't deny that I was missing it," the 31-year-old told The Associated Press.

De Moraes ordered the shutdown of X on Aug. 30 after a monthslong dispute with Musk over free speech, far-right accounts and misinformation. Musk had disparaged de Moraes, call-



An ad by Valor media shows a photo of Elon Musk at a shopping center in Brasilia, Brazil, Monday, Sept. 2, 2024.

ing him an authoritarian and a censor, although his rulings, including X's nationwide suspension, were repeatedly upheld by his peers.

Musk's company ultimately complied with all of de Moraes' demands. They included blocking certain accounts from the platform, paying outstanding

finances and naming a legal representative. Failure to do the latter had triggered the suspension.

Brazil a highly online country of 213 million people is one of X's biggest markets, with estimates of its user base ranging from 20 million to 40 million.

"X is proud to return to Brazil," the company said in

a statement posted on its Global Government Affairs account. "Giving tens of millions of Brazilians access to our indispensable platform was paramount throughout this entire process. We will continue to defend freedom of speech, within the boundaries of the law, everywhere we operate."

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The Aug. 30 ban came two days after the company said it was removing all its remaining staff in Brazil. X said de Moraes had threatened to arrest its legal representative in the country, Rachel de Oliveira Villa Nova Conceição, if the company did not comply with orders to block accounts.

Brazilian law requires foreign companies to have a local legal representative to receive notifications of court decisions and swiftly take any requisite action particularly, in X's case, the takedown of accounts.

Sleeping Giants Brazil, a platform for activism that seeks to combat fake news and hate speech, said the resumption of X's activities in Brazil marked "a significant victory for Brazilian democracy."

"We understand that the actions taken to ensure that X complies with Supreme Court decisions, though severe, set an important precedent: no company, regardless of its global influence, is above the law," it said in a statement. □

Colombian electoral authorities open investigation against President Petro's 2022 campaign

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Electoral authorities in Colombia on Tuesday ruled in favor of investigating financial misconduct allegations against the 2022 campaign that got President Gustavo Petro elected.

The investigation to be carried out by the National Electoral Council will focus on whether the campaign exceeded financing limits and whether it accepted funds from prohibited sources. The electoral body previously delayed deciding on the inquiry, which some, including Petro, see as politically motivated and illegal.

The outcome of the investigation could result in fines against some campaign staffers, including its auditors, treasurer and man-

ager. It can't lead to an immediate impeachment of the president.

The council's decision came after two of its 10

magistrates presented a report alleging that Petro's presidential campaign exceeded financial limits by about \$1.2 million. Petro

has denied the accusations, which he has said are an initial effort by his adversaries to remove him from office.

Petro responded to the council's decision with a brief message on X: "The coup d'état has begun," he wrote. He had previously characterized the investigation as a "Colombian-style coup d'état" intended to be the first step to remove him from office. The council's 10 magistrates are elected by Congress and represent various political parties. At least two of them belong to Petro's party.

A statement from the council announcing its decision Tuesday listed 12 financial transactions that authorities allege the campaign did

not report. The statement also alleged that Petro's campaign received funds from "prohibited sources of financing," including labor organizations.

The possibility of an investigation against the president generated a political and legal debate about the council's powers and presidential immunity.

In Colombia, only a commission of the House of Representatives can investigate the president. But the country's Council of State last month ruled that the president's immunity doesn't prevent him from being investigated by another government body such as the National Electoral Council, which can only impose financial penalties. □



Presidential candidate Gustavo Petro addresses supporters at his closing campaign rally in Zipaquirá, Colombia, May 22, 2022.

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Keeping up with the conniving spider... Nanzi fools Cha Tiger

Many years ago, Cha* Tiger did not live in the mondi*, but among civil society. Back then, he was feared by everyone. When he walked past in a halfway, everyone around would make room immediately, that's how ferocious he was.

One night a group of friends was hanging out and they were talking about Cha Tiger. "You know, that tiger sure is incredibly strong and I don't trust him one bit. He probably eats a lot too. Oh, I'm so scared of him!" one person said.

"Oh, don't be stupid! What can Cha Tiger do? He's all bark and no bite, that's it. I certainly am not afraid of him. I bet you guys that I could even sit on his back like I would any donkey." It was Nanzi who said this. The people around him laughed at his remarks, thinking how silly it was for him to say such things.

"You, Nanzi? You are such a liar! He'll stomp you into next Tuesday, stop saying such nonsense."

"I'm not lying!" Nanzi defended himself. "He'll take me all the way to Shon Arei*."

The next morning, Shon Arei already knew of what Nanzi had

been saying about Cha Tiger. He was really curious to see if Nanzi was brave enough to put his money where his mouth is. Cha Tiger walked past.

"Hey, Cha Tiger!" someone called to him. He growled at the person. "Hey, Cha Tiger! Listen!"

"Nanzi made fun of you, said he wasn't afraid of you at all! Said he could sit on your back and that you weren't as strong as we think you are."

Cha Tiger stopped dead in his tracks, furious. "Well, I'll set him straight!" Cha Tiger ran toward Nanzi's house, prepared to teach Nanzi a painful lesson. The entire way there he was growling and yelling, making everyone around aware what was going to happen. They all ran inside and peaked through the blinds to see the fight that was going to unfold.

Nanzi also heard Cha Tiger's screams, slowly getting closer and closer. He was terrified. His face turned pale, and his teeth started chattering like someone with a high fever. Sweat was dripping down his forehead.

When Cha Tiger arrived at Nanzi's place, he stormed in and saw Nanzi's frail body lying face down in the corner. "Hey, how are you,



Cha Tiger?" Nanzi asked, his voice trembling. "I Heard you were making fun of me in front of your little friends, so I came to hear from your own mouth what you have to say to me," Cha Tiger retorted, still fuming.

"Me? Talk bad about you?" Nanzi chuckled nervously. "People are such liars, I swear. Can't you see how sick I am here?" Nanzi took a pause, like someone who couldn't breathe properly. In his case of course, it was probably from extreme fear. "Shi Maria* wanted to take me to Shon Arei, where someone can heal me from my illness." Still wrapped up in his act, Nanzi turned back face down. "Me, a father of nine little children..." Cha Tiger was shocked. Nanzi looked absolutely terrible, God knows he was dying.

"Cha Tiger, you're strong. Could you put me on your back and take me to Shon Arei, I can barely walk," Nanzi pleaded. Cha Tiger took pity on the spider and agreed to do this favor. Nanzi climbed on the tiger's back, letting his body fall down and grabbing on to Cha Tiger's neck. "Would you mind putting a rope in your mouth so I can hold on? That way I can sit up straight," Nanzi asked. Cha Tiger growled in reluctance but said OK. And so they made their way to Shon Arei.

Once they started traveling through the mondi, Nanzi turned to

Cha Tiger and said: "These mosquitos are so annoying! Cha Tiger, do you mind if I cut a piece of branch so I can keep these mosquitos away?" Cha Tiger let him take his branch.

Eventually they made it out the mondi to where everyone else was. Nanzi immediately perked up and whacked Cha Tiger with his branch, making the tiger jump. He ran all the way to Shon Arei's castle. Exhausted, he plumped down in front of His Majesty.

"See, Shon Arei? Cha Tiger ain't nothing but a big donkey!" Nanzi said proudly. Everyone around cheered: "Hurray, Nanzi!" Poor Cha Tiger was so embarrassed that he was fooled by the conniving spider, and so he ran into the mondi to hide. To this day, it's said that the tiger still hides away in the mondi.

Cha: Nickname placed in front of someone's name and can mean anything, like friend. However, it often has negative connotations first.

Mondi: dry wooded areas found on the ABC islands.

Shon Arei: The King

Shi Maria: Nanzi's wife.

Story and pictures are from "Kon Nanzi a Nek Shon Arei (i otro kuentanan antiano di e araña sabi)" by Nilda Pinto.





Don't miss out on L'Avenue's Early Bird Special!



(Oranjestad)—Up to grab an early dinner after a day of shopping or cruising? Take advantage of L'Avenue's Early Bird Special, and experience their innovative twist of traditional Belgian cuisine!

Located in a cozy nook at The Cove Mall—a short walking distance from the Holiday Inn and Paseo Herencia, this Belgian and French bistro offers a delicious and rich menu available through lunch and dinner from 11am to 10pm. Enjoy your lunch and/or dinner in a cool, air-conditioned interior area of the restaurant, accompanied by the warm lights and chic design that emphasizes the restaurant's laid-back, yet sophisticated ambience.

Lunch includes a variety of sandwiches—with a healthy selection of bread options—if you're going for a light meal, but just like their dinner selection, also includes steak, chicken, fish, and even mussels and rabbit if you're craving a bit more of L'Avenue's exquisite menu. And let's not forget their wide selection of Belgian beer and European wine to complete the tasty experience!

But that's not all! L'Avenue is offering their guests their Early Bird Special, available every day from 4pm to 7pm. Enjoy this affordable and



delectable 3-course meal special at a comfortable price of \$29.50 per guest, which includes a selection of their fine in-house wine.

L'Avenue honors and takes pride in serving the traditional Belgian and French flavors, but does not shy away from offering a flexible menu for their guests' needs. That's right, L'Avenue also offers to cater for their guests' dietary restrictions, making sure that

each guest gets well taken care of!

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Aruba's most family-friendly beaches

(Oranjestad)—One of the biggest concerns that parents have when travelling with their children is a guarantee of their safety and healthy enjoyment. Therefore, we thought it would be a great help to travelling parents to list off some of the most family-friendly beaches around the island.

Baby Beach in San Nicolas
Baby Beach is one of Aruba's most popular and visited beaches, and for good reason: This sandy and quiet lagoon is a great place for parents to sit back and relax while their children play

in the shallow shores of the beach. Beside the relaxing atmosphere, there are also several services that may accommodate your stay, like a parking lot, sun tent rentals, chairs, bathrooms and a snack bar right at the far left of the beach.

Mangel Halto in Pos Chiquito

Mangel Halto is situated in the back streets of the Pos Chiquito city. Though there are several stairs on the sides of the beach cliff leading you down, the best spot for families to hang out is across the bridge, passed the mangrove trees near the

entrance sign. Here, there are small and big palapas, perfect for big and small families to set up their belongings. In this area, the shore is also shallow, falling right around your knee before slowly getting deeper: perfect for kids to safely play.

Eagle Beach/Palm Beach in the hotel area

Yet another highly popular beach site, Eagle Beach and Palm Beach is where most of our visitors go to tan, swim or play in the white sand. Because they are near the low-rise and high-rise ho-

tel areas, these beaches are the most accessible for visitors on foot. These beaches also offer many palapas free to use, but you can also rent chairs and tents. Much like Baby Beach, these sites are one of the best beaches for your children to play and build sand castles.

Boca Catalina in Malmok

Boca Catalina is a small bay beach near the Malmok beach area further down the hotel areas. Though it may not be a very sandy beach, it is relatively quiet and tranquil. This is a great place for family to lay down

a big blanket and have a little picnic. This is also one of the best places to snorkel, as this area is filled with little fish and corals, even close to the shore.

Palm Island

Ok, this one is technically not a beach, but a must-visit attraction for family fun. This small water park oasis is located further down the Mangel Halto Beach and is reachable by boat. This water park offers 6 hours of fun activities, food, drinks, and a chance to see pink flamingoes up close! ☐

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(Oranjestad)—This week we remember one of our most beloved Aruban giant, Juan Chabaya Lampe—better known as Padu Lampe or Padu del Caribe. As one of the most important and renowned artists in the Aruban cultural sphere, Padu's long career led him to be honored today as "the father of culture."

On April 26th, 1920, Juan Chabaya Lampe "Padu Lampe/ Padu del Caribe" was born in Nassaustraat, Oranjestad. He grew up in a happy musical environment, and it is because of this that he developed a love for music. Starting from the age of 12, he was agile in the clarinet, mandolin and cuatro. Henry Lampe, his father, was also a well-known pianist and musician.

In a publication of the informative seminar, "Observer", from august 1st, 1962, Padu's many merits and friendly personality stood out. It was said that he was an excellent pianist with a personal style and full of surprises. Secondly, though the composer was not too familiar with music theory, he showed innovations in his compositions. Lastly, Padu was a promoter of Creole music around the world.

One of the most important moments in Aruban history, in which he was able to witness first-hand, was the first radio broadcast on the island on March 20th, 1954. Here, he was accompanied by Antillean guitarist Julian Coco and Hubert "Loi" Booi.

In the art world, Padu was also a known painter. During his youth, he made several painting using his unique style. In 1939, he participated in an art exhibit in New York, where he won a bronze medal for his painting "Typical View of Aruba."

Padu remained a popular artist within the Dutch Antilles and the Caribbean as a pianist, singer, author and painter. Padu Lampe was a local artist who became renowned in Venezuela, Colombia, The U.S. and The Netherlands too. In the 1950s, he sold no less than 50 thousand copies of his long-playing albums (LPs).

Padu Lampe was a multifaceted artist, inspired by his interest in parapsychology and supernatural phenomenon. He wrote three books in Papiamentu on the subject in 1986, which

Meet our Aruban trailblazers: Padu Lampe

was published by the Aruban National Printing Press with sponsorship provided by the Prince Bernhard Funds Netherlands Antilles. Besides that, Padu passed his exam on "Society to Advanced Ethical Hypnosis" in 1964 in New Jersey. He received a certificate as a hypnotechnician, which gave him the authority to practice hypnosis in some states. Over the course of his career, he received many accolades and awards in Aruba, Curacao, Venezuela and the Netherlands. Padu del Caribe passed away on November 29th, 2019, at the age of 99 years old. Padu brought the Aruban culture around the world. His legacy will remain ingrained in the Aruban cultural history, and he will be known forever as one of the most influential

trailblazers of our community.

Padu will always be in Aruba's heart, because he had composed various special songs dedicated to the mothers of the island; his song "Sonrisa di un baby" ("A baby's Smile") has been written in three different languages. Padu also wrote our national anthem "Aruba Dushi Tera", along with Mr. Rufo Wever. This song was approved by the government of Aruba and was named the official anthem of the island in 1976.

Other songs that have been considered as being almost a second anthem for Arubans is the special composition he wrote for his wife Daisy Croes called "Abo so". Daisy later passed away in 1994. □

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In celebrating 200 years of Oranjestad... Learn about the history of the famous town hall!

(Oranjestad)—If you've ever taken a stroll through main street Oranjestad, you may have stumbled upon a big green house with beautiful colonial design. This legendary house, now used as a town hall for civil marriages, was once owned by a wealthy doctor and formed part of the elite neighborhood in Oranjestad.

Jacobo Eloy Arends was an Aruban physician, and in lived in Oranjestad during the 1920s. In 1922, he married Maria Monica Lacle, the daughter of well-known business man at the time, Adriaan Lacle. The two lived a posh life in the city center, and their mansion—once the center for neighborhood parties—now serves as a public town hall for civil marriages and is a cultural monument on the island.

The house was designed by architect Chibi Wever, and constructed under the leadership of famous master carpenter, Dada Picus,



who was famous at the time for his construction of beautiful buildings.

The construction of the house started once Jacobo and Maria got engaged. It is said that during the time of construction, Maria was not allowed to see the building nor be anywhere near the construction site.

It wasn't until after her honeymoon that she saw the completed mansion for the first time, furnished entirely by her sisters-in-law.

The mansion also contained the doctor's office, as well as a pharmacy. After the death of Jacobo, the house was inherited by his son, an Aruban dentist, who converted Jacobo's office into his own dental practice. Over the years, the house was rented and used by third parties, but eventually fell into disrepair, as the maintenance cost became too high to cover.

The land was sold to Land



Aruba in 1986, but it did not see a renovation until 1997. Nowadays, it serves to host weddings, and is attached to a modern building situated behind—the Aruban census office.

Jacobo and Maria's mansion was situated in front of another famous mansion, owned by Jacobo's brother Frederico Maximiliaan (Machi) Arends. Frederico was married to Veneranda (whom the mansion was named after). Their house was also constructed by Dada Picus, utilizing Veneranda's design

vision that was inspired by a house she saw in Cartagena, Colombia.

Nowadays, this mansion lies in ruins. However, the Aruban government recently announced its official restoration, with plans to convert this monument into a governmental office and public space for visitors of Oranjestad.

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The Aruban Cunukero

From past to present

(Oranjestad)—Aruba's culture consists of rich historical traditions that make up the Aruban identity and lifestyle. However, the life of the cunukero (farmer) is perhaps the most important aspect of our culture, in a sense representing to locals the true essence of the Aruban.

Historically, cunucus (farms) played a huge role in the early social and economic development of Aruba, and its relevance dates back to the early days of the colonization era. Upon being discovered by Spanish conquistadors in the late 15th century, Aruba was used primarily as a ranch, housing horses and cattle brought from Europe. During the Dutch colonization era where the West Indian Company (WIC) dominated the economic sphere on the island, using the land to set up cattle farms and ranches remained popular.

Anthropologist Sidney Mintz divided Caribbean farmers back in four categories:

1. The "squatters", who were mostly comprised of illegal and poor colonists, runaway slaves and deserters who took advantage of the Spanish's weak supervision on Caribbean islands like Cuba and the DR;
2. Then you have "Early Yeomen", who were legal farmers who came to the west under contract. Once their contract expired, they were given a plot of land for independent use;
3. Proto-Peasants were plantation slaves who were allowed to have a small piece of land to grow food for their own consumption. This was to curb the cost of living on the plantations;
4. Lastly you have the "Runaway Peasantries", usually comprised of runaway slaves who acquired farming tools and cattle through stealing or through secret exchanges with other slaves from different plantations.

However, the Aruban cunukeros back then are hard to place, and their history may explain why.

From 1636 (beginning of Dutch colonization era) to before the oil industry in 1924, Aruba's population consisted of mostly farmers. These farmers were mostly indigenous and were characterized as peasants. They weren't allowed to participate in trading, but instead



were granted a piece of land to live off of. However, in exchange for this grant, these indigenous farmers were obligated to work for the WIC, doing daily tasks such as taking care of or hunting cattle—large majority of which were destined for Curacao, clean water tanks and chop wood, among other things.

As much as these farmers were given to opportunity to live "free" with a plot of land, their exclusion from the trading and business world, as well as being deprived the chance to become real property and cattle owners, made them a unique group among Caribbean farmers at the time.

The WIC placed a lot of restrictions on these indigenous farmers—a method to safeguard their cattle deposit on the island. The indigenous farmers were mostly granted less than 7 acres of land. Those who owned bigger land were either once affiliated with the WIC or were colonists who settled on the island to try their luck at farming. In 1767, there were about 120 houses/cunucus on the island.

These Aruban farmers were also

limited to the amount of cattle they could keep. Most kept goats as cattle, as only those who were affiliated with the WIC could keep (more) sheep. Of the 76 goat herders on the island, about 45 of them had less than 30 goats, and only 7 of them had more than 60 goats.

It wasn't until the WIC was defunct in late 18th century that these farmers were able to obtain more freedom as cunukeros. After 1824, the government gave these farmers official permission to keep livestock, and the obligations once placed on them were officially discarded.

Because of the dry climate in Aruba, growing food for commercial purposes was not popular. The focus was mainly on cattle herding and taking care of livestock. However, livestock need food to survive, and when Aruba experienced its duper dry climate, many farmers would see a big loss in their livestock, and hence profit.

Although the WIC at one point did try to come up with an initiative to get more people to have land on the island, the climate never really allowed real profit from farming.

Because of the climate, Aruban farmers in general could not keep large quantities of livestock. At a certain point toward the end of the 18th century, the climate got so bad that many farmers decided to leave the island for a while.

For this reason, the farming economy on the island remained small. As the years went by and people noticed that these farms could not really produce any sustainable profit, farmers kept their small piece of land just to live off of. This is why the Aruban cunukeros only played a very tiny role into the plantation economy.

In modern Aruba, cunucus and cunukeros still exist on the island, fortunately with more freedom and more opportunity to tap into the agricultural market. These farmers usually sell their produce on a smaller scale, like during farmers' market events and other types of (holiday) events. □

Source: "Arubaans Akkoord: Opstellen over Aruba van voor de komst van de olieindustrie (Aruban Accord: Essays on Aruba Before the Arrival of the Oil Industry)" by Alofs, Luc; Rutgers, Wim; Coomans, Henny E. red.

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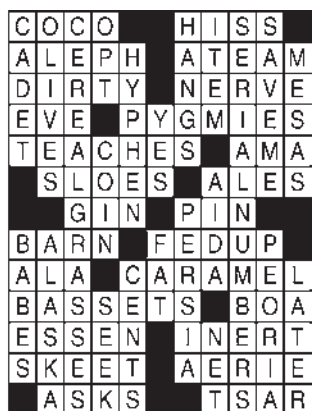
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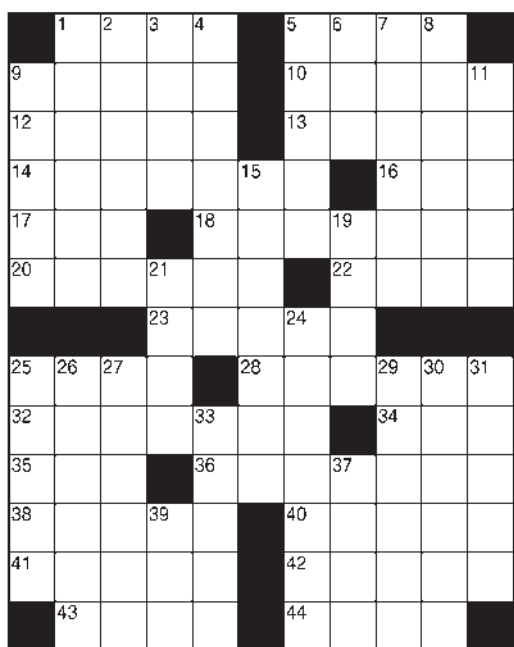
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Yesterday's answer



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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

Supermarket hours



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

Electrical power



Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

Safety



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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Bakery that makes Sara Lee and Entenmann's pushes back on FDA sesame warning

By JONEL ALECCIA
AP Health Writer

A top U.S. commercial bakery is pushing back on a Food and Drug Administration warning to stop using labels that say its products contain sesame a potentially dangerous allergen when they don't. Bimbo Bakeries USA, which includes brands such as Sara Lee, Entenmann's and Ball Park buns and rolls, appears to be defying an FDA warning sent in June that said the several of the company's products are "misbranded" because the labels list sesame or tree nuts even though those ingredients aren't in the foods.

In a response to the FDA, Bimbo officials said they wouldn't change their sesame labeling. The company said it has plants where some products are made with sesame and some are not. But when it came to labeling, the company



Bimbo bread is displayed on a shelf of a supermarket in Anaheim, Calif., on April 24, 2003.

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Acting or hosting, Travis Kelce wants to continue to pursue a showbiz career. But first, football

By ALICIA RANCILIO
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Travis Kelce plays a flirty nurse with swagger on FX's series "Grotesquerie," landed a cameo in "Happy Gilmore 2", and hosts a new game show. If Hollywood's calling, he'll take the meeting with one caveat. Football comes first.

"I still love coming in to work, getting after it, and chasing championships," said the Kansas City Chiefs tight end over Zoom. "That's what I've always dreamt of doing. But in the off-season, I do like to dabble around."

He wants to see where he's most comfortable adding, "I think you'll see me continue to find my lane."

On Oct. 16, Kelce debuts as the host of "Are You Smarter Than a Celebrity?" on Prime Video. Adult contestants answer elementary-level questions as celebrities like comedians Ron Funches and Nikki Glaser, "Vanderpump Rules" cast member Lala Kent, or former football player Chad "Ochocinco" Johnson help with the answer. The final question is from the 6th grade and worth \$100,000. Growing up, Kelce would regularly watch game shows



This image released by Prime Video shows NFL football player Travis Kelce, of the Kansas City Chiefs, on the set of the new game show "Are You Smarter Than a Celebrity."

Associated Press

with his older brother Jason, a former center for the Philadelphia Eagles. They were big fans of Nickelodeon's "Double Dare" and "Legends of the Hidden Temple" plus classics like "Family Feud" and "Price is Right." "When it was time for "Jeopardy!", he says their dad, Ed, "stole the remote and took over the room."

In an interview, Kelce spoke more about the show, his first love of football but sorry

Swifties, didn't discuss his relationship with Taylor Swift. Answers have been edited for clarity and length.

AP: What was the hardest part about hosting a game show?

KELCE: Taking control of the atmosphere was probably the biggest challenge. You have to make sure that everybody understands the rules and where they're at in the game.

AP: You're used to playing

high-energy football. There is a lot of waiting on sets and repetitive takes. Was the change of pace a challenge?

KELCE: It's a completely different world, 100%. I had to pick and choose when I had caffeine. Typically, I just drink it in the morning and I keep it going but I had to space it out throughout the day so I had the same energy all day long.

AP: Have you watched any

of the episodes yet? If so, what did you think?

KELCE: I'll definitely watch but I'm actually terrified of watching myself in situations like this but I'll turn it on to critique myself. I'm my own worst critic.

I can only see the bad that I do in anything, even on the football field.

AP: Which subject on the show would you have the hardest time with?

KELCE: There's an astronomy category. I didn't know anything about that and I still don't. On top of that, I didn't even know that was taught in elementary school.

AP: You co-host a popular podcast with your brother. Has that success given you more confidence as a personality, so-to-speak?

KELCE: I've always been genuinely myself. I think I get that from my parents and my upbringing. Just be confident in who you are, knowing that you live by good ethics, good morals, good judgment and things like that.

I also had a whole lot of fun hosting "SNL" a few years ago and I think that kind of catapulted me into where I am. □

CBS News says Trump campaign had 'shifting explanations' for why he snubbed '60 Minutes'

By DAVID BAUDER
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NEW YORK (AP)—CBS News said the Trump campaign offered "shifting explanations" for why it backed out

of a "60 Minutes" interview special with presidential candidates that aired without him.



Scott Pelley attends the CBS Upfront in New York, May 15, 2013.

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The network's Scott Pelley appeared on the air Monday night to explain why Republican Donald Trump did not appear on what has become a "60 Minutes" tradition: back-to-back interviews with presidential candidates in the last month of the campaign.

Harris was on the show, interviewed by Bill Whitaker. Where Trump was supposed to appear, "60 Minutes" instead aired a story about an Arizona official pushing false claims about election fraud.

Pelley said that the Trump campaign "complained that we would fact-check the interview. We fact-check every story." The Trump team also de-

manded an apology for his interview during the 2020 campaign, where he claimed that correspondent Lesley Stahl said a laptop computer belonging to President Joe Biden's son Hunter came from Russia. "She never said that," Pelley said. Pelley said that Trump's team had agreed to an interview at the former president's Mar-a-Lago home, with an additional talk in Butler, Pennsylvania, where he returned to the scene of a July assassination attempt.

Trump spokesman Steven Cheung said "60 Minutes" "begged for an interview." The campaign did have concerns about the show's reporting on Hunter Biden

and how it insisted upon editing Trump's comments, he said. "There was nothing scheduled or agreed upon," Cheung said. "We had already long promised an exclusive in filming at Butler to another national outlet, which turned out to be Fox News."

Trump's interview with Fox's Laura Ingraham aired an hour before "60 Minutes" on Monday night. His absence from CBS was not mentioned in their exchange. Trump apparently, watched, however, posting on Truth Social that the Harris interview "is considered by many of those who reviewed it, the WORST interview they have ever seen." □

Wimbledon tennis tournament replaces line judges with technology in break with tradition

LONDON (AP) — Wimbledon is replacing line judges with electronic line-calling, the latest step into the modern age by the oldest Grand Slam tennis tournament.

The All England Club announced Wednesday that technology will be used to give the "out" and "fault" calls at the championships from 2025, eliminating the need for human officials to make them.

Wimbledon organizers said the decision to adopt live electronic line calling was made following extensive testing at the 2024 tournament and "builds on the existing ball-tracking and line-calling technology that has been in place for many years."

"We consider the technology to be sufficiently robust and the time is right to take this important step in seeking maximum accuracy in our officiating," said Sally Bolton, chief executive of the All England Club. "For the players, it will offer them



Line judges concentrate as Russia's Daniil Medvedev plays Britain's Arthur Fery in a first round men's singles match on day three of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

the same conditions they have played under at a number of other events on tour."

The move makes the French Open the only Grand Slam tournament without some form of electronic line-calling. The Australian Open

and U.S. Open already had eliminated line judges and only have chair umpires on court.

Line judges at Wimbledon were dressed in famously elegant uniforms and, for traditionalists, were part of the furniture at the All Eng-

land Club.

Bolton said Wimbledon had a responsibility to "balance tradition and innovation."

"Line umpires have played a central role in our officiating set-up at the championships for many decades," she said, "and we recog-

nize their valuable contribution and thank them for their commitment and service."

Line-calling technology has long been used at Wimbledon and other tennis tournaments to call whether serves are in or out.

At the U.S. Open, there has been no line judges — and only chair umpires — since 2021, with Hawk-Eye Live electronic line-calling used for all courts.

The All England Club also said Wednesday that the women's and men's singles finals will be scheduled to take place at the later time of 4 p.m. local time on the second Saturday and Sunday, respectively — and after doubles finals on those days.

Bolton said the moves have been made to ensure the day of the finals "builds towards the crescendo of the ladies' and gentlemen's singles finals, with our champions being crowned in front of the largest possible worldwide audience." □

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New York Liberty and Minnesota Lynx to meet for WNBA championship

**By DOUG FEINBERG
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NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Liberty are back in the Finals, looking for the first championship in franchise history. They'll have to beat the Minnesota Lynx to do it. The Liberty advanced to the WNBA Finals for the second straight year after knocking off the two-time defending Las Vegas Aces in the semifinals. They've made the championship round five times and lost each one.

The Lynx made it this far for the first time since 2017 when they won the last of their four championships during a seven-year span. Minnesota needed five games to advance to the Finals, beating Connecticut at home Tuesday night in the decisive game.

Game 1 of the best-of-5 Finals is Thursday night, giving the Lynx little time to re-

cover and prepare for the Liberty.

"Talk about the schedule, who cares. Nobody's going to feel bad for us," Minnesota coach Cheryl Reeve said. "Got to go hooping right away and we'll do that."

These two teams faced off for a title already this year when Minnesota won the Commissioner's Cup championship back in June.

New York is hungry for a championship after falling just short against Las Vegas last season. The Liberty went to the finals in three of the league's first four years and lost each time to the Houston Comets. Then they lost two years later to the Los Angeles Sparks.

"We haven't done anything yet," said Breanna Stewart, who had 19 points, 14 rebounds, five assists and four blocks in the clinching win over Las Vegas. "This was a

tough series, an emotional series, for a number of different reasons (there's) just the feeling of not satisfied." The Liberty have been playing with a scar all season and used that to lead them to the best record in the league which secured home-court advantage throughout the playoffs.

"We went to the Finals last year," Stewart said, "and we didn't do nothing."

The Lynx won't be scared of New York, having won two of the three regular season meetings and the Commissioner's Cup championship.

"I think the regular season doesn't mean anything, they are an amazing team," Minnesota star Napheesa Collier said. "It's going to be a great series, great basketball. Two teams with great players competing."

Collier was the league's De-



Minnesota Lynx forward Napheesa Collier (24) celebrates with teammates after the 88-77 win against the Connecticut Sun of Game 5 of a WNBA basketball semifinals, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024, in Minneapolis.

Associated Press

fensive Player of the Year award and was runner-up for the WNBA MVP.

With three more wins, Minnesota will be the first WNBA team to win five championships, breaking a tie with the Houston Comets and the Seattle Storm.

The first two games will be in New York with Minnesota hosting the next two. The series schedule caused a conflict at Target Center

for Game 4 on Oct. 18, when the Minnesota Timberwolves were scheduled to host the Denver Nuggets in an NBA exhibition game. The Timberwolves, who share the arena and the practice facility across the street with the Lynx, announced Wednesday they moved their game against the Nuggets up one day to Oct. 17. □

Rodgers says allegations that he played a role in Saleh's firing as Jets coach are 'patently false'

By **DENNIS WASZAK Jr.**
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Aaron Rodgers insisted he played no role in the firing of Robert Saleh as the New York Jets coach and called such allegations "patently false."

The star quarterback made his weekly appearance on "The Pat McAfee Show" on Wednesday, a day after Jets owner Woody Johnson fired Saleh after the team got off to a 2-3 start in the coach's fourth season.

There was speculation by some media and fans that Rodgers might have had a hand in influencing Johnson, who said during a conference call Tuesday the decision was "my



New York Jets head coach Robert Saleh, right, talks with defensive coordinator Jeff Ulbrich before an NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers in Santa Clara, Calif., Monday, Sept. 9, 2024. Associated Press

decision and my decision alone."

Johnson tabbed defensive coordinator Jeff Ulbrich as the Jets' interim head coach the rest of the season.

"As far as any of the ridiculous allegations out there, I'm not going to spend more than one sentence in response to it," Rodgers said. "And that is I resent any of those accusations because they're patently false. And it's interesting the amount of power that people think that I have, which I don't."

Rodgers confirmed he spoke to Johnson on Monday night during a "nice call," but said the owner simply asked him how he was feeling after spraining his left ankle in the Jets' loss to Minnesota in London on Sunday. Both Johnson and Rodgers said there was no talk of Saleh's future.

"Woody has no obligation to let me know what his plans are," Rodgers said. "I just appreciated the call that he was checking on me."

Rodgers spoke about how the move to fire Saleh was a reminder of how football "is a tough business" and there's a human aspect to decisions such as this. He cited Saleh's family, including one of the coach's seven kids with whom he grew close during the team's practices. Rodgers also reiterated he and Saleh, who said in a statement he was "grateful" for the opportunity to be the Jets' head coach, were not at odds. Tight end Tyler Conklin said during a video call with reporters he thought the quarterback "probably took this harder than almost anybody" because it was clear that "it weighed heavy on him."

"I love Coach Saleh," Rodgers said.

"We have a very solid relationship. ... He was a big reason why I came to the Jets."

The four-time NFL MVP was acquired by New York in April 2023 from Green Bay. □



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